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Naples, February 2, N. S.

THE Magistrates of Commerce here have caused an Edict to be published, whereby the former Orders and Constitutions relating to the Weight and Quality of Silk Manufactures are renewed, so as to establish and encourage that Trade in this Kingdom. Several Country People of Trevico, in the Basilicata, a Fief of the Marquess di Potenza, are arrived here, and have petitioned the King for the Redress of many Grievances and Injustice offered to them by the Agents of the said Marquess, which the King has ordered to be enquired into and redressed. Baron d'Egmond, Minister of the States General, has hired the Palace of the Duke di Satriano. On the 27th past Sig. Piano, Superintendant of the Marine, Don Michael Reggio, General of the Gallies, and other Officers of the Marine, held a Conference by Directions of the King, to consult about a proper Expedient to secure and enlarge our Mole, for the Benefit of Commerce. Sig. Ometrano, Engineer, is ordered by the King to make a Tour to visit the Fortresses of the Kingdom, and the Fortifications lately added to them; and two Regiments of Foot are posted at Fonti and Portello, on the Confines of the Ecclesiastical State, where the King proposes to keep a Garrison. The King has ordered M. Congiano, one of the Deputies of Commerce, to have silk Stuffs wove for six Suits for the Service of their Majesties, in order to bring the Manufacture of this Country into Credit.

Rome, Feb. 6. Sig. Errigues, the Pope's Commissary at St. Marino, has lately acquainted the Ministers of State, that he had assembled a Committee of the Members of the Republick, and had heard with great Attention the Representations and Sentiments of every singular Person, but had found in the whole Republick only Eleven that were satisfied with the Possession taken by Cardinal Alberoni, the rest insisted for the Liberty of their Country, so that Sig. Errigues desir'd fresh Instructions how to act, since, for his own Part, he saw little or no Appearance of Success, any way but by Force, to make the Inhabitants submit to the Roman See. On the 6th Instant, about Ten o'Clock in the Morning, the Pope, after a lingering Illness, expired, and in the Afternoon the Cardinal Hannibal Albani Camarlingo, attended by the Clerks of the Chamber, and the Pope's Guards, went, according to the usual publick Formality, to examine the Corpse, in order to break the Ring from off his Finger. To-morrow his Corpse is to be transported to St. Peter, in order to lye three Days in State, after which the Funeral will be performed. Circular Letters have been sent to the Cardinals abroad to invite them to the Conclave, into which the Cardinals will begin to enter on the 17th Instant. Every Thing as yet has pass'd here with great Quiet.

Whitehall, Feb. 21, 1739-40.

Whereas on the 8th Day of January last past, in the Night-time, the Barn of William Slade, of Blewberry, in the County of Berks, was maliciously set on Fire by some wicked Persons, as 'tis believ'd, of the same Parish, and the said Barn, with the Outhouses thereto adjoining, and also a considerable Quantity of Corn and Grain, together with the winnowing Tackle, Sacks, and Implements of Husbandry were by the said Fire entirely consumed: His Majesty, for the better Discovery of the Persons concerned in so wicked an Act, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them who shall impeach or discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein.

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And as a farther Encouragement, the Minister, Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Blewberry, do hereby promise to give to such Discoverer a Reward of Ten Pounds.

Victualling Office, 22d February, 1739.

Whereas in the Country Journal *or* Craftsman *of the 16th of this present Month, there is inserted the following Paragraph, viz.*

" Nothing is more necessary to a Squadron of Ships
" which are design'd for real Service, than to sup-
" ply them with good and wholsome Provisions,
" especially on long Voyages, and sundry Climates.
" I hope therefore the strictest Care is taken as to
" this Particular, and that the Orders from above
" are punctually obey'd at the Victualling Office;
" though a Rumour flies about that some Com-
" plaints of this Kind have been lately made, and
" I am even inform'd, that there is a Person who
" will undertake to prove, that great Quantities of
" Beef and Pork actually stunk before it was sent
" abroad. ——— This if true, must be owing
" either to the Badness of the Commodities when
" bought up, to the Want of Skill in Salting them,
" or to some corrupt Gains made by those concer-
" ned in the Management of our Victualling.

This is to give Notice, That the Printer and Publisher of the said Paper will be prosecuted for the same as far as the Law will permit, unless he shall before the first Day of the next Term discover to the Person whose Name is hereto subscribed, the Man who is said to have given the said Information, so as he may be prosecuted as the Law permits, who will, when discovered, be accordingly prosecuted, unless he shall in like Manner produce the Person who is said to be willing to undertake the Proof of the Fact therein mentioned.

And whereas in the said Country Journal there is inserted the following Paragraph, viz.

" I have heard one Man declare, that having con-
" tracted to supply the Navy with a large Number
" of Bullocks, and neglecting to make the usual
" Present upon such Occasions, the Cattle were
" thrown back upon his Hands, under Pretence that
" they were not fit for his Majesty's Service; upon
" which he privately employed another Man to
" offer the very same Oxen, and by tipping a
" Bank Note of Two Hundred Pounds into proper
" Hands, they were reported to be very good
" Meat, and accordingly received.

This is to give Notice, That the Printer and Publisher of the said Paper will in like Manner be prosecuted for the same, unless he shall discover as aforesaid, the Man who is said to make the Declaration above-mentioned; and if the Person spoken of in the first of these Paragraphs will prove that great Quantities of Beef and Pork that actually stunk were sent abroad for the Use of his Majesty's Navy, as it is therein alledged he will undertake to prove, he shall on such Proof receive the Sum of Fifty Pounds from the Person subscribed hereto. Or if the Man who in the second Paragraph is said to have declared to the Writer of the said Paper as therein is contained, will prove the Fraud therein

charged,